

any other area, contained in the product.

(d) *Products subject to 26 U.S.C. 5010 tax credits.* A claim for credit or refund of tax on spirits containing eligible wine or eligible flavors must include the date and serial number of the record of tax determination and the effective tax rate at which the tax was paid or determined. If this information is not provided, the amount of tax claimed will be based on the lowest effective tax rate applied to the product.

(e) *Limits on claims.* Claims for credit or refund of tax must be filed by the proprietor of the plant to which the spirits were returned. The claim must be filed within six months of the date of the return. No interest is allowed on any claims for refund or credit.

(26 U.S.C. 5008, 5215)

**§ 19.265 Claims relating to spirits lost after tax determination.**

Claims for abatement, credit, or refund of tax under this part, relating to losses of spirits occurring on bonded premises after tax determination but prior to physical removal from such premises, will be prepared and filed in accordance with the regulations in § 19.263(b) and (c).

(26 U.S.C. 5008)

**RULES REGARDING CREDITS,  
ABATEMENT, REMISSION, OR REFUND**

**§ 19.266 Claims for credit of tax.**

A proprietor may file a claim for credit of tax, as provided in this part, after the tax has been determined, whether or not the tax has been paid. However, a proprietor may not anticipate allowance of a credit or make an adjusting entry in a tax return pending action on the claim.

(26 U.S.C. 5008, 5215)

**§ 19.267 Adjustments for credited tax.**

When a proprietor receives a notice of allowance of credit from TTB, including notification of credit for tax on spirits exported with benefit of drawback as provided in part 28 of this chapter, the proprietor will make an adjusting entry and an explanatory statement on its next excise tax return. The proprietor will identify the

notification of allowance of credit that authorizes the adjusting entry in the explanatory statement. If the allowable tax credit is greater than the tax due on the excise tax return, the proprietor will apply the balance of the tax credit to one or more following tax returns until the tax credit is exhausted.

(26 U.S.C. 5008, 5062)

**§ 19.268 Allowance of remission, abatement, credit, or refund of tax.**

The appropriate TTB officer is authorized to allow claims for remission, abatement, credit, and refund of tax, filed under the provisions of this part.

(26 U.S.C. 5008)

**RULES FOR PUERTO RICAN AND VIRGIN  
ISLANDS SPIRITS**

**§ 19.269 Puerto Rican and Virgin Islands spirits.**

(a) The provisions of 26 U.S.C. 5008, authorizing abatement, remission, credit, or refund for loss or destruction of distilled spirits, also apply to spirits brought into the United States from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands with respect to the following:

- (1) Spirits lost while in TTB bond;
- (2) Voluntary destruction of spirits in bond;
- (3) Spirits returned to bonded premises after withdrawal without payment of tax; and
- (4) Spirits returned to bonded premises after withdrawal upon tax determination.

(b) In addition to the information required by § 19.263, claims relating to spirits lost in bond must show the name of the producer and the serial number and date of the formula under which produced, if any.

(26 U.S.C. 5008, 5215)

**Subpart K—Gauging**

**§ 19.281 Scope.**

This subpart covers gauging, which is the determination of the quantity and the proof of distilled spirits. Topics covered in this subpart include: The general requirements for gauging; when gauges are required at distilled spirits plants; and special rules that